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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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- ☐ 1. [REDACTED]
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- ☐ 2. At about 4 p.m. on 19 July, a train of 22 to 25 railroad cars, including 6 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia; 6 flatcars with sideracks carrying 37-mm AA guns; and the other flatcars carrying trucks [REDACTED]
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25X1B [REDACTED] was seen at the Rathenow main railroad station, with the engine headed toward Stendal. On 24 July, a train, including 8 to 12 boxcars occupied by troops; and carrying [REDACTED]
25X1 [REDACTED] an undetermined number of trucks [REDACTED]
25X1B [REDACTED] was seen at the Nordbahnhof in Rathenow, with the engine headed toward Neubrandenburg on the Dosse River. On 25 July, a shipment of 6 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and about 30 flatcars with sideracks which, among other materiel, carried 6 x 132-mm rocket launchers and trucks [REDACTED]
25X1B [REDACTED] was seen at the Wustermarke railroad station, with the engine headed toward Rathenow or Neuen. ²
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- ☐ 3. On 12 July, 6 x 57-mm AT guns, 4 x 122-mm field howitzers, 6 x 82-mm mortars, about 15 trucks [REDACTED] and about 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were loaded on about 18 flatcars and 7 boxcars at the Dallgow railroad station. ³
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- ☐ 4. Doberitz and Falkensee residents stated that, beginning 15 July, Soviet troops were allowed to leave the installations after duty hours; and the control of baggage in Falkensee was discontinued.
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- ☐ 5. At about 9:15 a.m. on 12 July, a shipment of 35 to 40 T-34 tanks [REDACTED] 4 trucks, 2 jeeps and 2 field kitchens passed through Schoenefeld, coming from the direction of Berlin-Gruenau and proceeding toward Wassmannsdorf. ⁴
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- ☐ 6. At 7:40 a.m. on 21 July, 9 x 25-mm AA guns, 2 x 37-mm AA guns, 24 trucks, 1 field kitchen trailer, 12 boxcarloads of equipment, and about 300 troops
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wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia and a few with signal insignia, were entrained in Bernau and left northward.

[redacted] expressed the belief that the unit had not been stationed in Bernau. At 4:30 p.m. on the same day, the same shipment was observed arriving in Eberswalde and, at 4:40 p.m., it proceeded toward Templin.

[redacted] the train, which was bound for Justerbog, would proceed via Templin, Oranienburg, Neuruppin and Potsdam. At about 10 p.m. on 21 July, a shipment of eight trucks arrived in Eberswalde, coming from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder. At about 10 p.m. on 21 July, a shipment of 3 x 25-mm AA guns, 12 trucks, including 10 mounting AA machine guns; 1 field kitchen trailer, 10 boxcarloads of equipment, and about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets arrived in Eberswalde, coming from Bernau and, at about 10:05 p.m., proceeded toward Templin.

[redacted] had the impression that the troops belonged to the unit, which left Bernau in the morning.

7. At about 7:30 p.m. on 22 June, 4 x 132-mm rocket launchers and 20 to 30 boxcarloads of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were entrained in Eberswalde and left toward Angermünde or Templin.⁶ On 24 June, 4 prime movers, each towing a gun, were entrained at the Pasewalk railroad station. At about 5 p.m. on 13 July, two tanks were entrained at the Neubrandenburg railroad station and left toward Neustrelitz.⁷

1. [redacted] Comment. The tanks belong to the 52d Gds Tank Regt of the 6th Gds Tank Div. [redacted] another shipment of this regiment, [redacted] and been detained in Wittenberg at 5 a.m. on 23 July and, according to reports on transportation, had arrived there [redacted]. [redacted] it is believed that the shipment also belonged to the regiment from Justerbog.

2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] observed the same shipments. [redacted]. The first train carried an AAA unit of the air force, whereas the majority of the motor vehicles on the second train, [redacted] belonged to the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. The shipment may be identical with a train which, according to reports on transportation, went from Altengrabow to Eberswalde on 24 July under [redacted].

3. [redacted] Comment. The entraining of a mixed artillery unit of the 1st Mecz Div, which, according to reports on transportation, went to Altengrabow [redacted].

4. [redacted] Comment. Units of the 1st Mecz Div, who returned to Döberitz from the Berlin area, as had previously been reported. [redacted].

5. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] observed the entraining of the second AAA shipment in Bernau and [redacted]. According to reports on transportation, the two shipments went to Justerbog [redacted]. The statement [redacted] that the troops had not been stationed in Bernau, is given credit inasmuch as, between 5 and 9 July, the SS Briefstaubstation had apparently been vacated by units of the 120th (?) AAA Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div. [redacted].

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6.  Comment. Units of the 312th Gds ML Regt of the Fourth Gds Mech Army possibly were entrained for Templin.

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7.  Comment. Troops from the area of the Armeegruppe Nord have been shipped to Berlin and the southern area since early July. 

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